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Status of yellow fever in Mississippi—No new cases reported since frost.

JACKSON, MISS., December 4, 1900.

Yellow fever not in Osyka or Magnolia at present; possible 1 in Osyka recently, fatal. No new cases reported to Gant since frost. Go to Fayette to-morrow, thence to Natchez.

PARKER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Yellow fever in Louisiana.

[Telegram.]

NATCHEZ, MISS., November 27, 1900.

One new case. Five cases 40 miles south of here on the river, in Louisiana. No deaths. Frost yesterday and to-day.

J. C. BALLARD,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Instructions to steamship companies at San Diego, Cal., concerning the shipment of certain articles from China and Japan.

SAN DIEGO QUARANTINE STATION,
San Diego, Cal., November 21, 1900.

SIR: In accordance with instructions contained in Bureau circular letter (G.), of date of November 15, relative to copies of all warnings or instructions issued by this office to transportation companies or others regarding the necessity of obtaining visés from the officers abroad as to the noninfected source of such articles, I have the honor to forward herewith copies of such letters, and to state that a great deal of information has been given to these persons verbally, both by telephone and during personal interviews on the subject.

Respectfully,

W. W. MCKAY,
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
United States Quarantine Officer.*

[Inclosures.]

SAN DIEGO QUARANTINE STATION,
San Diego, Cal., January 24, 1900.

SIR: Relative to our conversation by telephone several days since, regarding the importation by your steamers of lily bulbs, water chestnuts, yams, and salt eggs packed in loam, I have to state that the following telegraphic order has been received regarding these articles:

"Arrange with the steamship lines bringing lily bulbs, water chestnuts, yams, loam-packed eggs, and similar products, to have them stored easily accessible on arrival. If viséed by Service officers abroad, they may pass, otherwise disinfect by immersion in 2 parts formalin solution, 100 parts water."

The Service officers referred to in the order are officers of the United States Marine-Hospital Service, stationed abroad, usually in the office of the United States consul, to aid in the protection of the public health interests of the United States.

By instructing your agents to confer with these medical officers as to the proper sanitary precautions to adopt at ports of embarkation, it will be found that they are stationed there not only in the interests of public health but also to aid in expediting commerce.

Respectfully,

W. W. MCKAY,
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
United States Quarantine Officer.*

Mr. JOS. D. PHILLIPS,
Agent, California and Oriental Steamship Company, San Diego, Cal.